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Title: CELLULOSE ESTER FILM, PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE SAME,
FILM EMPLOYED IN LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY MEMBER, AND
POLARIZING PLATE

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and
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1. A check for \$730 representing a \$690 filing fee and \$40 for recording the Assignment.
2. Application - 52 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
3. Drawings - 2 sheets of formal drawings, containing 4 figures.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Konica Corporation.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 017976/1999, filed on January 27, 1999, and 190295/1999, filed on July 5, 1999.

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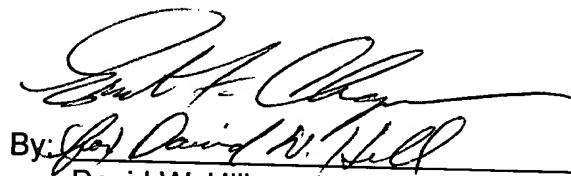

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